Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Lakota/Dakota Sioux Indian culture dates back to the middle of the eighteenth century in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, It endures today partly in the form of traditional Sioux art, crafts, song and dance; and,

WHEREAS, Among the most entertaining public presentations of Sioux music and art is that uniquely Indian event, the pow-wow; and,

WHEREAS, Above and beyond its entertainment value, the pow-wow affords attendees a heightened awareness and deeper understanding of the Sioux heritage overall, and particularly in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The Black Hills Pow-Wow Association is working to foster such understanding and awareness through the "First Annual Black Hills and Northern Plains Indian Exposition;" and,

WHEREAS, This Indian Exposition will feature championship singing and dancing in conjunction with an arts exhibition and trade show:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the days of July 10, 11 and 12, 1987, as

INDIAN AWARENESS DAYS

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE